

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert E. Bushnell on 10/01/2004.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 71, line 4, "...hydrogen..." has been deleted and --hydrocarbon fuel--has been substituted therefor; in line 6, "...hydrogen..." has been deleted and --hydrocarbon fuel--has been substituted therefor.

In claim 54, line 1, "...30..." has been deleted and --29--has been substituted therefor.

Non-elected claims 33,35-37,64,69 have been cancelled.

The amendment to claim 71 was made in order to more accurately and precisely point out what applicant intends to be the invention specifically with respect to the gases being administered to a patient.

The amendment to claim 54 was made in order to correct its dependency from cancelled claim 30 to line claim 29.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the overall claimed combination of method of providing protection from reactive oxygen species